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SUBJECT: UGANDA - REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN

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WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR
ELLERKMANN (FRG NUMBER 94) ON THE VISIT OF A SPECIAL
RWANDESE DELEGATION TO AMIN.

BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE -- PRESIDENT AMIN ON MARCH 1, 1977, RECEIVED
RWANDESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WHICH DELIVERED MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. AFTER THE MEETING THE
FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED IN RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS ON
MARCH 1, AND IN "VOICE OF UGANDA" NEWSPAPER ON MARCH
2, 1977:

AMIN SAID HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT
HABYARIMANA BECAUSE HE IS NOT LIKE SOME AFRICAN LEADERS
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WHO DO NOT WANT TO GET CORRECT INFORMATION AS PRESIDENT
HABYARIMANA HAS DONE. HE SAID SUCH LEADERS ARE UNDER
PRESSURE AND ARE TELEPHONE OPERATORS AND MESSENGERS OF
AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. THE PRESIDENT SAID NO
HEAD OF STATE OF ANY SOVEREIGN STATE SHOULD ALLOW
HIMSELF TO BE A TELEPHONE OPERATOR AND MESSENGER OF
AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. PRESIDENT AMIN SAID WHAT HAS

HAPPENED IN UGANDA SHOULD BE A LESSON TO ALL LEADERS IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE. HE SAID ANY COUNTRY, EVEN IF IT IS A SUPER POWER, CANNOT ALLOW ANY RELIGIOUS LEADER TO BRING ARMS INTO THAT COUNTRY TO CAUSE CHAOS AND CONFUSION. THE PRESIDENT SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAD GIVEN RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE COUNTRY TOO MUCH FREEDOM AND EVEN ALLOWED THEM TO FLY FLAGS ON THEIR CARS, THEY HAD LEFT THE TEACHINGS OF GOD IN THE BIBLE AND KORAN AND HAVE NOW MOVED INTO POLITICS. HE WAS SURPRISED TO NOTE THAT INSTEAD OF PRAYING FOR PEACE SOME OF THEM WERE PRAYING FOR CHAOS AND BLOODSHED. DR. AMIN SAID NO SUPERPOWER CAN CHALLENGE HIM ADDING THAT HE CANNOT BE IN THE POCKETS OF ANY COUNTRY EVEN IF IT IS A SUPERPOWER. HE, AMIN, POINTED OUT THAT EVER SINCE HE CAME TO POWER HE HAS ALWAYS POINTED OUT MISTAKES OF ANY SUPERPOWER AND NOBODY CAN CHALLENGE HIM ON THIS. HE ADDED THAT EVEN WHEN AMERICA SENT ITS DESTROYER TO MOMBASA, HE TOLD THEM THAT IF THEY INVADED UGANDA, THEY WOULD BE CRUSHED WITH THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

HE SAID THE AMERICANS ARE AFRAID OF HIM BECAUSE HE SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE WHICH THE IMPERIALISTS UNDERSTAND. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD EVEN CHALLENGED THE AMERICANS FOR DESTROYING THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN JAPAN DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND ADDED THAT YOU FIND NO AFRICAN LEADER WHO CAN DO THAT EXCEPT HIMSELF.
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